



City of Boston
Parks and Recreation
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PARKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES BACK BAY VIRTUAL TREE REMOVAL HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, June 2, at 10 a.m. on a request to remove three public shade trees in Back Bay due to new construction at the site of the former Midtown Hotel building at the corner of Huntington Avenue and Cumberland Street.

The request is for the removal of one mulberry tree measuring 24 inches dbh (diameter at breast height) in the median strip opposite 220 Huntington Ave, one honey locust tree measuring 3 inches dbh on Cumberland Street, and one pear tree measuring 9 inches dbh on Cumberland Street.

The hearing will be held by the City of Boston's Tree Warden (or designee). Please note that due to the current pandemic the hearing will be a virtual meeting via ZOOM. Written comments or questions may be submitted to parks@boston.gov prior to the hearing. The information for the ZOOM hearing is as follows:

To participate by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81879708604>

To participate by phone: 1-646-558-8656

Webinar ID: 818 7970 8604

Public testimony will be taken or may be provided prior to the hearing in writing to the Tree Warden, Boston Parks and Recreation Department, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, Roxbury, MA 02118 or by emailing parks@boston.gov with "Back Bay Tree Hearing" in the subject line.

A final decision regarding the request will be made within two weeks of the hearing. For further information, please contact the Tree Warden at (617) 635-7275.

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